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REMARKS

Claims 1, 3, 4, 6-10, 16, 19-23 and 25-29 are currently pending with claims 1, 3, 7 and 19-22 being independent. Claims 2, 5, 11-14 and 17 have been canceled by this amendment.

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the Examiner's allowance of claims 1, 3, 4, 6-10, 16, 19-23 and 25-29.

Claims 2, 5, 11-14 and 17, which were previously rejected, have all been canceled. Accordingly, all pending claims are now allowed.

The fee in the amount of \$810 for the request for continued examination is being paid concurrently herewith on the Electronic Filing System (EFS) by way of Deposit Account authorization. Please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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